



COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

Office of the Clerk

September 22, 2016

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RECEIPT

RE: Consumers Alliance for a Strong Economy, Inc.

ID: 0809712 - 3

DCN: 16-09-21-5379

Dear Customer:

This is your receipt for \$75.00, to cover the fees for filing articles of incorporation with this office.

The effective date of the certificate of incorporation is September 22, 2016.

If you have any questions, please call (804) 371-9733 or toll-free in Virginia, 1-866-722-2551.

Sincerely,

Joel H. Peck
Clerk of the Commission

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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 22, 2016

The State Corporation Commission has found the accompanying articles submitted on behalf of
Consumers Alliance for a Strong Economy, Inc.

to comply with the requirements of law, and confirms payment of all required fees. Therefore, it
is ORDERED that this

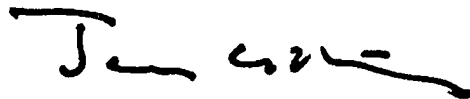
CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

be issued and admitted to record with the articles of incorporation in the Office of the Clerk of
the Commission, effective September 22, 2016.

The corporation is granted the authority conferred on it by law in accordance with the articles,
subject to the conditions and restrictions imposed by law.

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

By



James C. Dimitri
Commissioner

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

Consumers Alliance for a Strong Economy, Inc.

In compliance with the requirements of the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act, Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia, the undersigned hereby acts to form a nonstock, nonprofit corporation and to that end sets forth the following:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is: **Consumers Alliance for a Strong Economy, Inc.** (hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation").

SECOND: The specific and primary objects and purposes of the Corporation, which is not formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, shall be to receive, administer and expend funds for educational purposes and for the purpose of promoting social welfare within the meaning of Section 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue laws, including the following:

1. To educate the general public about issues of interest to American citizens, consumers and wage earners, through public advocacy and educational programs advancing policies that promote free markets, reduce government

regulation, increase consumer choice and demand fiscal responsibility, and pursue national policies essential to expanding economic opportunity and increase individual prosperity for all Americans. The Corporation will focus on the principles and foundations of United States of America, the Constitution, the capitalist economic system and federal system of governance and United States national social and domestic policy. Specific issues may include but not be limited to limited government, expanded freedom and democracy, limiting unchecked spending and "earmarks" in the federal budget, Social Security, Medicare, and other government retirement trust fund liabilities, and the long term viability of current government spending. The Corporation will aim to realize these goals through public education and political action on the state, local and national level.

2. To sponsor and conduct non-partisan analysis, study, discussion groups, forums, panels lectures, research and similar programs related to its exempt function;
3. To educate and instruct the American public in related matters through the publication and distribution of educational and informational pamphlets, web sites,

booklets, advertisements and other materials relevant to its purposes;

4. To provide information in connection with the above purposes which shall be designed and presented in such a manner as to permit and enable the listener or reader to form an independent opinion or conclusion;
5. To debate and advocate support or opposition to legislation relevant to such matters and issues;
6. To engage in other educational, civic and social welfare activity approved by its Board of Directors; and
7. Except as restricted herein, to engage in any and all lawful activities for which corporations may be organized and the Corporation Law of the Commonwealth of Virginia incidental to the foregoing purposes.

The foregoing provisions of this Article SECOND shall be construed both as purposes and powers and each as an independent purpose and power. Subject to the restrictions and limitations contained in these Articles of Incorporation, the foregoing enumeration of specific purposes and powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the power of the Corporation to do anything and everything suitable, proper or incidental to its purposes, or anything which may now or hereafter be done by a corporation organized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia; provided,

that the Corporation shall not conduct or engage in a business of a kind ordinarily carried on for profit and provided, further, that the Corporation shall not conduct any business, promote any purpose, or exercise any power or privilege within or without the Commonwealth of Virginia which, under the laws thereof, the Corporation may not lawfully conduct, promote, or exercise or which are not in furtherance of its exempt function.

THIRD: The Corporation shall have no members.

FOURTH: No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to any director or officer of the Corporation, or any private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services actually rendered to or for the benefit of the Corporation in furtherance of its exempt function). The Corporation shall not participate in, nor intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the Corporation shall be distributed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia exclusively to educational, charitable or social welfare organizations, which would then qualify under the provisions of Sections 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4), or successor Sections, of the

Internal Revenue Code and the Regulations promulgated thereunder as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended. No director, officer, or member of the Corporation, or any private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution or division of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation.

The Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

FIFTH: The post office address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 6862 Elm Street, Suite 360, McLean, Virginia, 22101, which is located in Fairfax County, Virginia. The name of its initial registered agent at such address is Christopher T. Craig, Esq., who is a resident of Virginia and who is a member of the Virginia State Bar and whose business office is the same as the registered office of the Corporation.

SIXTH: The initial Directors of the Corporation shall be elected by the Incorporator and hold office for a term of one (1) year, and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified. Subsequently, Directors shall be elected by a majority vote of the Directors in office immediately preceding the expiration of each term. Any vacancy in the Board of Directors

that shall occur prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled by such person as shall be elected thereto by a majority vote of the then remaining members of the Board of Directors and the person so elected shall hold office until the expiration of the term to which he or she succeeded.

SEVENTH: No Director or officer of the Corporation shall be personally liable for monetary damages in any proceeding brought by or in the right of the Corporation unless the Director or officer engaged in willful misconduct or a knowing violation of criminal law.

EIGHTH: The Corporation shall, to the fullest extent permitted by the provisions of Article 9 of Chapter 10 of Title 13.1 of the Code of Virginia, as the same may be amended and supplemented, indemnify any and all persons whom it shall have power to indemnify under said Article from and against any and all of the expenses, liabilities, or other matters referred to in or covered by said Article, and the indemnification provided for herein shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any Bylaw, agreement, vote of disinterested directors or otherwise, both as to action in his official capacity and as to action in another capacity while holding such office, and shall continue as to a person who ceased to be a director, officer, employee, or agent and shall inure to

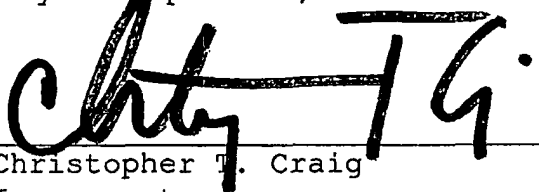
the benefit of the heirs, executors, and administrators of such a person.

NINTH: The name and address, including street and number, of the Incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Christopher T. Craig	6862 Elm Street, Suite 360 McLean, Virginia 22101

TENTH: The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, for the purposes of forming the Corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the undersigned Incorporator of the Corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 21st day of September, 2016.



Christopher T. Craig
Incorporator